Development Plan for Manipur Sericulture Project

*152. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the "Definite Development Plan of Manipur Sericulture Projects" with foreign assistance, is pending at the Ministry level for approval thus causing delay in its implementation;

(b) if so, the reasons for its delay; and

(c) the steps taken by Government for early clearance of the project?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) to (c) A proposal titled "Definite Overall Development Plan (DODP)" of the Manipur Sericulture Project seeking approval of the same for grant of external assistance was received from the Government of Manipur and referred by the Ministry to the Central Silk Board (CSB) for technical appraisal. Technical deficiencies in the proposal as pointed out by CSB were referred to the Government of Manipur for consideration and suitable rectification. The matter has since been under discussion, with appropriate followup action at the level of Government of Manipur as also at the level of the consultants engaged by the Manipur Government leading to revision of the proposal twice. The revised project document has been received in the Ministry recently (November 20, 2001).

Dialogue with NSCN (IM)

*153. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the dialogue with National Socialist Council of Nagaland (IM) has run into rough weather;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) when the next round of talks is likely to take place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The dates have not yet been finalized.

Guidelines to Security Personnel

†*154. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in "Dainik Jagran (New Delhi) dated the 25th October, 2001, under the caption "Aatanki maar dein to shabashi ke bajae jaanch shooru ho jati hai";

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if so, the details of guidelines issued by Government to the security personnel for finish off the terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The news-item essentially purports to reflect the grievances aired by some personnel of the Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). The position has been checked with the ITBP and they have intimated that the report is without any factual basis.

(c) Does not arise.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.